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For: **A HIGH-STRENGTH THICK STEEL PLATE EXCELLENT IN LOW  
TEMPERATURE TOUGHNESS AT HEAT AFFECTED ZONE  
RESULTING FROM LARGE HEAT INPUT WELDING**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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